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FIRST READING Acts 2:14.36-41

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 2:20-25

You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. **Alleluia.**

GOSPEL John 10:1-10

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$905.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$306.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery/Priests.....	\$382.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 13/04/08

6.00pm (SAT) – B Nadenbousch & J Gauci
 9.00am (SUN) – G Barbaro & A DeCata
 10.30am (SUN) – A DeCata & A Vinelli

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 20/04/08

6.00pm (SAT) – L & M Dal Santo
 9.00am (SUN) – L Catena & R Mercuri
 10.30am (SUN) - R Giarrusso & R Gravina

CHURCH CLEANERS

19/04/08 J Aliphone, T Saleh & P Sparano

MONEY COUNTERS

14/04/08 J & J Kearney, E & K Bartlett & C McMahon
 21/04/08 P Cherubin, A Sinopoli & L Cavedon

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Most Rev. Emeritus Archbishop Thomas Francis LITTLE,
Corrado LATINO, Liberale SANTINON,

ANNIVERSARIES

Sabatino RIDOLFI, Marco DITULLIO, Mario PASCARELLA, Orazio CATALDO,
 Salvatore ROSANO, Cecilia NATALE, Michele & Angelo MAMONE, Domenica MAMONE
 Serafina BRANCATISANO, Damiano IAPOZZUTO,
 Antonio, Domenico, Maria, Carmela, Elisabetta & Bruno SCHIPANO, Bruno ARENA
 Caterina SCHIPANO, Gregorio & Romeo PETROMILLA,
 Giuseppe, Maria, Stella, Rocco & Elisabetta CATALANO, Lucinda BONELLO
 Antonio CICHELLLO, Anna-Rosa & Pietro SCHIAVONE, Joseph DE BONO

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Il Signore e' il mio pastore: non manco di nulla.

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia!

Io sono il buon pastore, dice il Signore, conosco le mie pecore e le mie pecore conoscono me. **Alleluia.**

SPECIAL MINISTERS

E Saliba
 P Sparano, R Pino & R Mercuri
 G Silvio, R Sinapi & M Alvaro

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D Herbert
 D Biasibetti, R DeZan & G Barbaro
 M Sernia, Joanne Vincitorio & Sr Doreen

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

Sat 6.00pm - English
 Sun. 9.00am - Italian
 Sun. 10.30am - English

Fr Emmanuel Bonello–Parish Priest
 Sr Doreen Bentley-Pastoral Associate
 Mr Peter Chowne -School Principal
 Mrs Liz Pistoni – Parish Secretary

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Mon. Communion Service
 Tue. 10.00am Italian
 Wed. 9.10am - English
 Thur. 9.10am - English
 Fri. 9.10am - English

Maltese Mass
 1st Saturday of the Month

Baptisms – Sunday 12.00pm
 Marriages - By Appointment



Reconciliation: Sat. 10.30am

4th Sunday of Easter, Year A GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY April 13, 2008

Gates

The sign on the gate told us we were welcome to use the short cut, but be sure to shut all the gates after us. I learnt only later that there were over twenty of those gates to open and shut, and I was in the front passenger seat. About every kilometer, there was yet another gate to open and close. So much for our short cut.

What is the function of gates? They are a way of regulating the flow. When a gate is shut, it is a fence, a barrier. But when a gate is open, the barrier is removed and we can go through. On a farm, gates stop the flocks or herds from getting boxed up; they make controlled grazing possible.

We can also speak of gates in our personal relationships. I have my gates. They are my protectors. They regulate the flow of who will get close to me and who won't.

We all need our boundaries and gates; we let our friends and those we trust come in. Of course, we are all different and some people are very hesitant to open their personal gates, whereas others seem to be very free and welcoming. Whatever our personality type, we need gates to some extent, we need to protect ourselves from unwanted intrusions. Some of us might have been badly hurt and so find it particularly hard to trust other people. In this case, our gates might be very difficult to open.

In the gospel text that is read at Mass today, Jesus talks a lot about gates – or rather, he talks a lot about one particular gate. He says that *he* is the gate.

“I am the gate of the sheepfold...Whoever enters through me will be safe and will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture.”

Jesus tells us that he is a safe gate. We, the flock, can go in and out in complete security, if we listen to his voice and follow him.

Jesus goes on to say that others may make similar claims, but they are false. Instead of looking after the flock, they have only their own interests at heart. History is full of these characters with their deceitful claims and members of the flock have been duped and hurt. Jesus warns us that some will come to steal and to destroy. By contrast, Jesus comes to bring life – life to the full.

I'm glad Jesus spoke about shepherds and gates. These images give us much food for thought.

I hope you find some pleasant shortcuts in life.

I hope your personal gates work well – guarding you against unwelcome intrusions but also opening to welcome others when this is appropriate.

I hope too that you will come to know Jesus as a life-giving gate. If you draw near to him, he will open to you the path to life everlasting.

EMERITUS ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE THOMAS FRANCIS LITTLE 1925 -2008



VIGIL MASS - Monday 14 April at St. Patrick’s Cathedral, East Melbourne.
FUNERAL MASS – Tuesday 15 April at St. Patrick’s Cathedral
After the funeral Mass the Archbishop’s body will be interred in the Archbishops’ Crypt.



*Archbishop Frank Little was born on 30th November 1925 in Werribee. He lived in Essendon where he attended the school of St. Columba and St. Monica’s Christian Brothers College. He completed his secondary education at St. Patrick’s College Ballarat. In 1943 he started his studies for priesthood at Corpus Christi College in Werribee. In 1947 he continued his studies in Rome at the Propaganda Fide College, where he then was ordained priest on 3rd October 1950 by Cardinal Fumasoni Biondi. He continued his special studies and was awarded his doctorate in 1953. As a priest Archbishop Little served in the parishes Sacred Heart (St. George) Carlton, St. Patrick’s Cathedral and St. Ambrose Brunswick. He was ordained bishop on 21st February 1973 by Cardinal James Knox and as Auxiliary Bishop he was given the pastoral responsibility of the North Western region of Melbourne. On July 4th 1974 he was appointed the sixth Archbishop of Melbourne by Pope Paul VI. His motto was “Kyrie, eleison” “Lord, have Mercy”.
After 22 years as leader of the Church in Melbourne, Archbishop Little resigned and retired on July 15th 1996. In retirement he continued helping out by celebrating confirmation and many other significant events for parishes and other church groups and institutions. He died and was called to eternal life on the 8th of April 2008. Archbishop Frank Little was a great leader of the church in Melbourne. He was intelligent, clever, diplomatic, gentle, humble, kind, down to earth, friendly and very welcoming.
It is sad to see him go: **Good Bye Great Man.***

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Natalie Venturini** child of Remo and Lucia, **Loredana Rivaloro** child of Vito and Tamara, who will be baptised today. We welcome them into our parish community and assure their families of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

FUNERAL NOTICE

The funeral Mass for Corrado Latino will be celebrated on Wednesday 16 April at 11.00am. The Rosary will be recited on Tuesday 15 April at 8.30pm.

MEMORIAL MASS

Tuesday 15 April at 7.30pm – Liberale Santinon (d. rec.)

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER AND THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE NEW SCHOOL HALL

On Sunday 4 May 2008 we will celebrate our Parish feast day and the official opening and blessing of the new school Hall. On that Sunday (4.5.08) we will have ONE MASS only at 10.00am celebrated by Bishop Joe O’Connell with concelebrants: Fr. Joe Yu, Fr Max Vodola and Fr Manny Bonello. After the mass at approximately 11.00am, we will gather around the School Hall for the ceremony of the blessing and official opening. Followed by refreshments (drinks and food are all provided). There will also be special activities for the children.

ITALIAN LADIES

Martedì 15 Aprile riunione del Comitato Femminile nella cappella ore 9.00am. tutti i membri sono attesi.



WORLD YOUTH DAY

94 Days to Go.....



HANDOVER OF THE WYD CROSS, ICON AND ABORIGINAL MESSAGE STICK TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE.

Friday 25 April 2008 (Anzac Day) at St. Patrick’s Cathedral 6.00pm – Prayers and Hymns.
7.00pm – Mass celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart and the Priests of Melbourne. After the Mass the Cathedral will remain open for a time of prayerful veneration of the Cross. Everyone is welcome to attend.

WYD CROSS - ST DAMIEN’S PARISH BUNDOORA

WYD Cross - The Cross is the symbol of God’s unfailing love and protection for us, and all our world, as we travel through the darkness and uncertainties on our pilgrim journey to the Father.

WYD Icon – From the Cross Jesus gives us his Mother, Mary, to be our guide and protector.

Message Stick – In our land, Australia, we are called to bring others to the light; we are called to witness God’s love and protection to those around us.

On Tuesday 29 April you will have the opportunity to come and be close to these symbols. Touch them, pray before them and be blessed in the communion of others. This will take place at St. Damien’s Church, 5 Settlement Rd, Bundoora. The procession of the Cross from the School Oval to the Church will start at 7.00pm (BYO torch). Mass celebrated by Bishop Tim Costelloe will start 7.30pm followed by prayers and reflections until the closing mass at Midnight. Individual reconciliation are available during the evening. The Preston/Reservoir parishes, as you saw on last week’s flier have the “hour of prayer” from 10.30pm – 11.30pm (approx times), before the Midnight Mass. A beautiful time has been prepared and at one part we will have parishioners who have come from different countries to carry a small flag of their country to be placed before the Symbols. No particular person is chosen. YOU come with YOUR flag. Please ring Diane (9471 1060) if you have any questions.

REASON FOR HOPE

Reasons for Hope is a major retreat for students and young adults (16-35) in the lead up to World Youth Day 2008 with speakers, prayer and free time. Includes tickets to WYD Cross and Icon events at St. Patrick’s Cathedral and the MCG and a concert with Guy Sebastian and Paulini.

Venue: Edmund Rice Centre Amberley, Lower Plenty. Date: Friday 25 April – Sunday 27 April. Full details and Registration: www.towards2008.org.au Contact: Matt Restall – 0407 883 494
vcsa@melbourne.catholic.org.au

MELBOURNE STAY – ‘FRIENDS FOREVER’

Melbourne families are amongst the most hospitable and welcoming communities in the World. It’s now your chance to come forward and host international pilgrims and show them what a great city we live in. The Melbourne Stay Program involves Melbourne families volunteering to provide bed and breakfast for at least 2 pilgrims in their homes for the period leading up to and including 10-14 July, 2008. With an estimated 25,000 overseas pilgrims coming to Days in the Dioceses (DID08), of this, it is estimated that 20,000 will request basic accommodation.

Logon to our website WWW.DID08.COM and register as a Melbourne Stay host today! Or pick-up a Melbourne Stay Host Application Form from the Parish Office.

For further information please ring any three of our great parishioners who are volunteers for Days in the Dioceses Melbourne. Ray & Glenyce Silvio: 9460 6607, Diane Chybowski : 9471 1060

CUPPA



Today after the 10.30am Mass there will be a cuppa in the Narthex. Please stop and enjoy the hospitality of the parish.